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IN NON-HUMAN PRIMATES"

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1. DHEW URGES THAT ICMR AND MOH APPROVE AGREEMENT 01-617-4 IN
ITS PRESENT FORM SINCE THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION HAS,
IN GOOD FAITH, PURCHASED EQUIPMENT WITH FY 1974 DOLLAR APPRO-
PRIATION FOR THIS PROJECT. THIS EQUIPMENT STORED TEMPORARILY IN
FDA FACILITY WASHINGTON. CANNOT BE SHIPPED TO INDIA UNTIL AGREEMENT
SIGNED. FURTHER DELAY IN SIGNING OF AGREEMENT MAY POSE SEVERE
ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS FOR FDA AND WILL CERTAINLY JEOPARDIZE
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SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT IN FUTURE.

2. THE 10,000 DOL FIGURE FOR AFLATOXIN IS INCORRECT. AGREEMENT ALLOCATES 3500 DOL. THIS IS ESSENTIAL TO START PROJECT. FDA BELIEVES THAT THE SUBJECT AGREEMENT SHOULD BE APPROVED UNALTERED.

3. CAPABILITY FOR PRODUCING MYCOTOXIN CONSIDERED VERY IMPORTANT BY FDA. A PROPOSAL WOULD BE LOOKED UPON WITH FAVOR.

4. PROPOSED RESEARCH B REFTEL (CONTROL OF AFLATOXIN PROBLEM THROUGH IDENTIFICATION OF GENETICALLY RESISTANT STRAINS OF GROUND NUT AND OTHER DEVICES) APPEARS TO BE BEYOND FDA'S JURISDICTION BUT FDA WILL MAKE DECISION UPON RECEIPT OF DETAILS.

5. PROPOSED RESEARCH C REFTEL (SEARCH FOR FUNGAL TOXINS OTHER THAN AFLATOXIN IN FOOD STUFFS IN COMMON USE IN THE COUNTRY) IS OF MUCH INTEREST TO FDA AND IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY DR. MITRA, NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDENS, LUCKNOW (AFLATOXIN SURVEY IN FOODS), AND HEAD, BIOCHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS (MYCOTOXIN SURVEY OF TOXIC FUNGI IN FOODS). FDA FEELS PROPOSALS IN THESE AREAS WOULD NOT PRECLUDE A PROJECT IN C RESEARCH AREA AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NUTRITION, HYDERABAD. FDA WOULD DESIRE TO GO AHEAD WITH PROPOSED RESEARCH C BUT NOT TIE IT TO HEALTH ASPECTS OF PROBLEM.
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